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In re Application of	:	
Chris A. Peirson et al.	:	
Application No. 10/719,364	:	ON PETITION
Filed: November 21, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 41722-P001US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 18, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of June 13, 2008. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). No extensions of time were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is September 14, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 11, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a RCE (Request for Continued Examination), with the required fee of \$405, (2) the petition fee of \$810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the RCE is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3694 for processing of the RCE and any action that is required by the Examiner in the normal course of business.

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Carl Friedman  
Petitions Examiner  
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